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Kannedy estimated losses for large confinement farms to finish operations at \$50¢ per month, with break-even prices running from \$52.00 to \$63.00 per cwt. The producers who do not have a large herd base position that in any time in recent history, said Henry Wehrman, vice president, Central Iowa Auction Co., Credit Union. Hog operations that are financed 80% or more are under the most financial strain, he said, and thus have not been able to raise prices since the first of this year.

Another Iowa hog producer said the 40% of those advertising to wean too high, although many units were far from profitable.

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The agreement also allows IBP not to proceed with the transactions if Occidental common stock prices fall below an average \$25 per share for the 10 trading days

**NEWSPAPER (priority handling)**





"You said he wouldn't move when I tried to get on him... but this is ridiculous!"

# FSIS reorganization aimed at efficiency

USDA recently announced details of an initial reorganization of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), formerly known as the Food Safety and Quality Service, reports CNS.

FSIS Administrator Donald Houston said the reorganization is designed to make the agency operate more efficiently. The new FSIS will have four major component divisions—technical services, science, operations and administrative management—Houston said.

He said these changes flow naturally from the USDA reorganizations announced earlier and will enable FSIS to streamline its operations. Houston said further consolidation will be

announced over the next several months. Earlier this month, the commodity service program was moved from the former FSQS to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. The commodity services program provides voluntary grading services on a fee basis and develops grade standards for meat, poultry, eggs, dairy products and vegetables.

Houston said FSIS will continue to be responsible for ensuring the safety and accurate labeling of meat and poultry products sold in interstate and foreign commerce.

The FSQS, formed in 1977 had five major programs: meat and poultry inspection, science, compliance, commodity ser-

vice and administrative management. Under the FSIS reorganization plan unveiled recently, the inspection program will be divided into two separate programs—operations and technical services. The functions of the compliance program will be split between the new FSIS divisions, Houston said.

The unit previously known as meat and poultry standards will become a part of the new technical services division. The program review branch of the evaluation and enforcement divisions, headquartered in Lawrence, Kan., will become part of a new program audit unit in the Office of the Administrator.

Houston also said two

compliance divisions—planning and analysis and regulation and coordination—will be integrated into a single policy of administration.

Each of the four FSIS programs will be headed by a deputy administrator reporting to Houston. Ronald Engle will continue as deputy administrator of the science program and Joseph Powers will head the administrative management division, Houston said. Victor Berry, who now heads the meat and poultry inspection program, will take charge of the operations division. Merlin Nelson, now associate deputy administrator for meat and poultry inspection, will head the technical services division, Houston said.

## Market Roundup:

# Carcass, box trade move prices higher

A CONTINUED STRONG performance by the carcass and boxed beef trade combined with a tight supply of finished steers and heifers was able to move prices higher through the week. The best demand in many areas centered around the decreasing numbers of choice 2-4 steers scaling 1125 lb. and up and heifers 950 lb. and up; thus reemphasizing the current situation existing in finished cattle numbers.

According to market analysts, demand by most interests was bearish through the entire season, resulting in some of the highest price levels in 9 months. Analysts attribute part of the carcass strength to increased seasonal beef demand for barbecuing and to the recent gains in pork product prices which have led to increased retail beef featuring. Slaughter steers and heifers advanced broadly under a good demand. Midwestern terminal markets mostly \$5.00-\$2 higher. Central Plains direct marketing areas \$2.50-\$1.50 higher. Areas west of the Rockies steady to \$1 higher.

**OKLAHOMA CITY STEERS MD.** frame #1 400-500 lb. \$69.72; 600-800 lb. \$65.69; 800-1000 lb. \$64.65; 1000-1200 lb. \$63.40; 1200-1400 lb. \$62.15; 1400-1600 lb. \$60.90; 1600-1800 lb. \$59.65; 1800-2000 lb. \$58.40; 2000-2200 lb. \$57.15; 2200-2400 lb. \$55.90; 2400-2600 lb. \$54.65; 2600-2800 lb. \$53.40; 2800-3000 lb. \$52.15; 3000-3200 lb. \$50.90; 3200-3400 lb. \$49.65; 3400-3600 lb. \$48.40; 3600-3800 lb. \$47.15; 3800-4000 lb. \$45.90; 4000-4200 lb. \$44.65; 4200-4400 lb. \$43.40; 4400-4600 lb. \$42.15; 4600-4800 lb. \$40.90; 4800-5000 lb. \$39.65; 5000-5200 lb. \$38.40; 5200-5400 lb. \$37.15; 5400-5600 lb. \$35.90; 5600-5800 lb. \$34.65; 5800-6000 lb. \$33.40; 6000-6200 lb. \$32.15; 6200-6400 lb. \$30.90; 6400-6600 lb. \$29.65; 6600-6800 lb. \$28.40; 6800-7000 lb. \$27.15; 7000-7200 lb. \$25.90; 7200-7400 lb. \$24.65; 7400-7600 lb. \$23.40; 7600-7800 lb. \$22.15; 7800-8000 lb. \$20.90; 8000-8200 lb. \$19.65; 8200-8400 lb. \$18.40; 8400-8600 lb. \$17.15; 8600-8800 lb. \$15.90; 8800-9000 lb. \$14.65; 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